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FOR MR. MAURICE F. KILEY, DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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TAGS: SREF, CI (JOSE CASANOVA-JIL)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: INS LETTER OF NOVEMBER 19, 1975

1. ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE MR. JOSE CASANOVA JIL HAS MADE A VALID CASE FOR REFUGEE STATUS. HE SAYS HE CANNOT RETURN TO CHILE BECAUSE OF HIS CRITICISM OF THE CURRENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IS PERMITTED BY THE AUTHORITIES. HE HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED AND CLAIMS NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN CHILE. THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANY INTEREST IN HIM OR CONTEMPLATES ANY ACTION AGAINST HIM. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED HIS FEAR OF RETURN IS A WELL-FOUNDED ONE.

2. UNLESS MR. CASANOVA JIL CAN PROVIDE MORE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS CLAIM, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT HE SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM REGULAR IMMIGRATION PRO-

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CEDURES ON THE GROUND THAT HE WOULD SUFFER PERSECUTION ON

ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION,
OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP SHOULD HE RETURN
TO CHILE. SHOULD HE PRESENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH
TO THE SERVICE SEEMS TO REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW, WE WILL BE
GLAD TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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